



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5393**

LCO No. 4179

Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:  
(INS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE PAYMENTS TO AUTOMOBILE  
REPAIR SHOPS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 38a-352 of the general statutes is repealed and the following  
2 is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 All claims paid by an insurer, a holding company of an insurer or a  
4 wholly owned subsidiary of an insurer for any loss to motor vehicles  
5 or any claim for damages to motor vehicles, shall be paid to the  
6 claimant by check, electronic transfer to the claimant or other means  
7 that provide the claimant immediate access to the funds. The insurer  
8 shall include a garage or body shop, if applicable, as a payee to  
9 compensate the garage or shop for providing covered repairs, towing  
10 and storage of the insured motor vehicle.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To help ensure payment of a garage owner or body shop that tows,  
stores or repairs an automobile covered by insurance by requiring  
insurers and lien holders to recognize the shop or garage as a payee.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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